

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- A wireless telephony communications system includes at least one macro cell ~~(14)~~ for communicating both voice and data with a mobile communications device ~~(16)~~ across a first wireless link and at least one micro cell ~~(30₁-30₂)~~ for communicating data with the mobile communications device across a second wireless communication link ~~(33)~~. Each micro cell communicates signaling information through the macro cell via a wireless link ~~(50)~~ to a control element ~~(22)~~ that manages the micro cells. Using a wireless link ~~(50)~~ to communicate signaling between each micro cell and the control element in the UMTS system eliminates the need for a wired back haul link, thereby reducing access costs.

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